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Debugging Heterogenous SoC using OpenOCD

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- I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, an expert in OpenOCD or JTAG (aka, please be gentle).
- The scope is limited to Arm debugging; DSP (C7x/C6x) debugging is theoretically possible but let us keep the conversation to Arm processors.
- This presentation assumes a level of embedded debug expertise, I give a few hints to help.

Overview

- Motivation
- Introducing basics
 - SoCs with Heterogenous Processors
 - JTAG
 - Arm CoreSight
 - OpenOCD
- Let us talk self-hosted debug with OpenOCD and dmem
- Quick peek into OpenOCD dmem internals

Motivation

- I am lazy and don't like to get off my couch to get to a JTAG adapter :)

AND

- I wanted the uC to blinken a LED :((apparently, it is still a multi-year project: [Ref LPC 2023 talk](#))

AND

- I wanted to debug uC like Linux developers do –
gcc hello.c; gdb a.out

AND

- It so happened that we wanted to do a project for a 24-hour hackathon competition at TI in 2022. (PS: The project won the hackathon)



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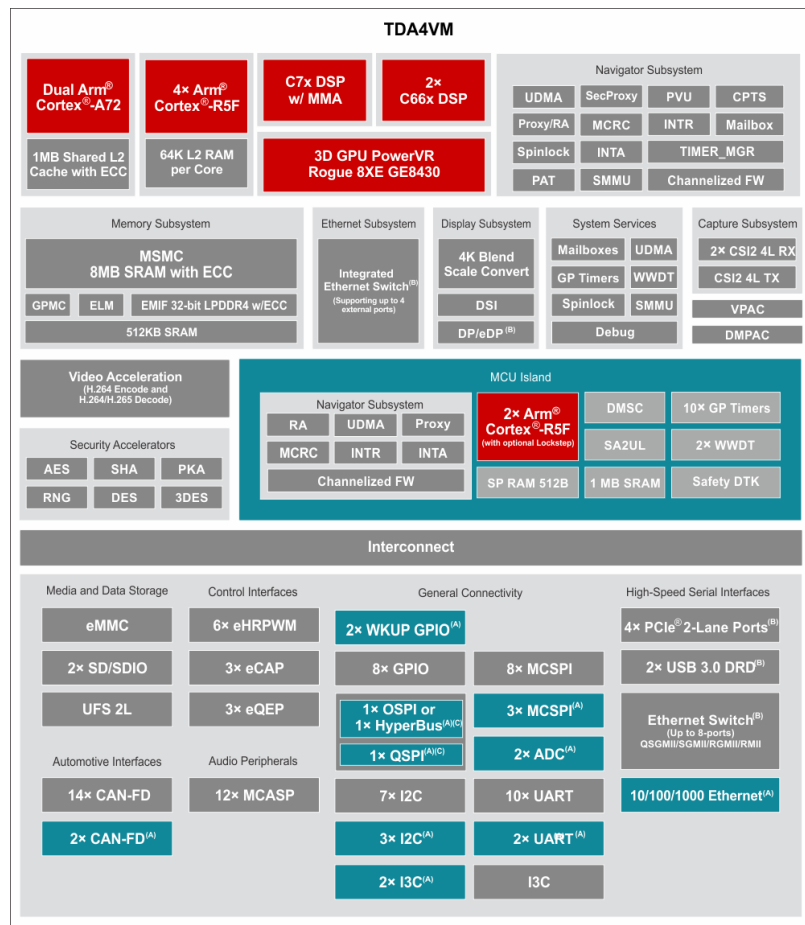
Introducing Basics

SoCs with Heterogenous Processors

- [Wikipedia](#) definition: **Heterogeneous computing** refers to systems that use more than one kind of processor or core. These systems gain performance or energy efficiency not just by adding the same type of processors but by adding dissimilar coprocessors, usually incorporating specialized processing capabilities to handle particular tasks.

- Cortex-A:** Application processors typically run HLOS.
- Cortex-R:** Real-time hardware execution running RTOS.
- Cortex-M:** Power-efficient uC alternative running RTOS.
- A sprinkle of specialized hardware accelerators.

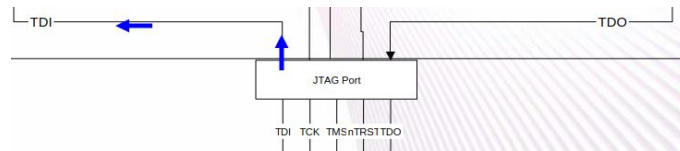
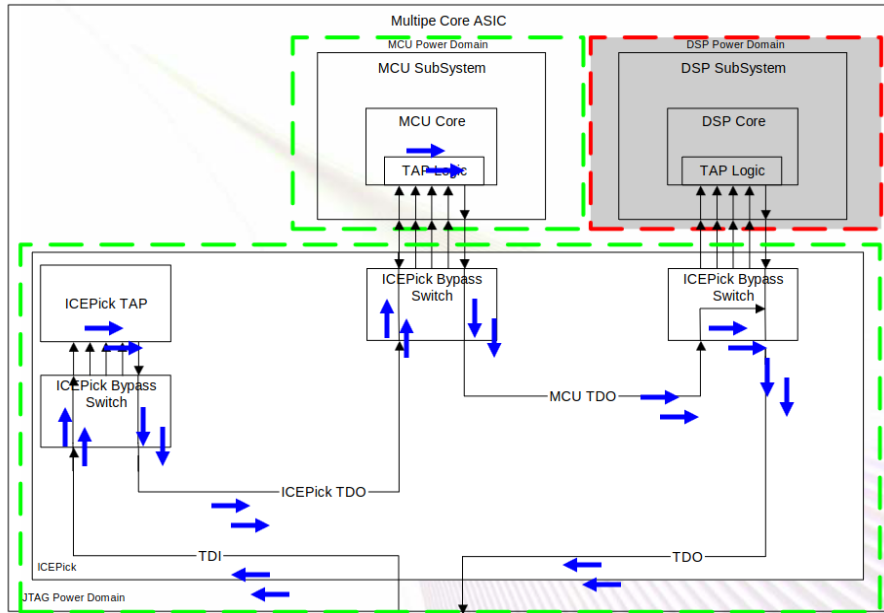
- All these work simultaneously and communicate among themselves.
- This complex problem is precisely what the OpenAMP group attempts to standardize, generalize, and simplify. Join us!



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JTAG Intro

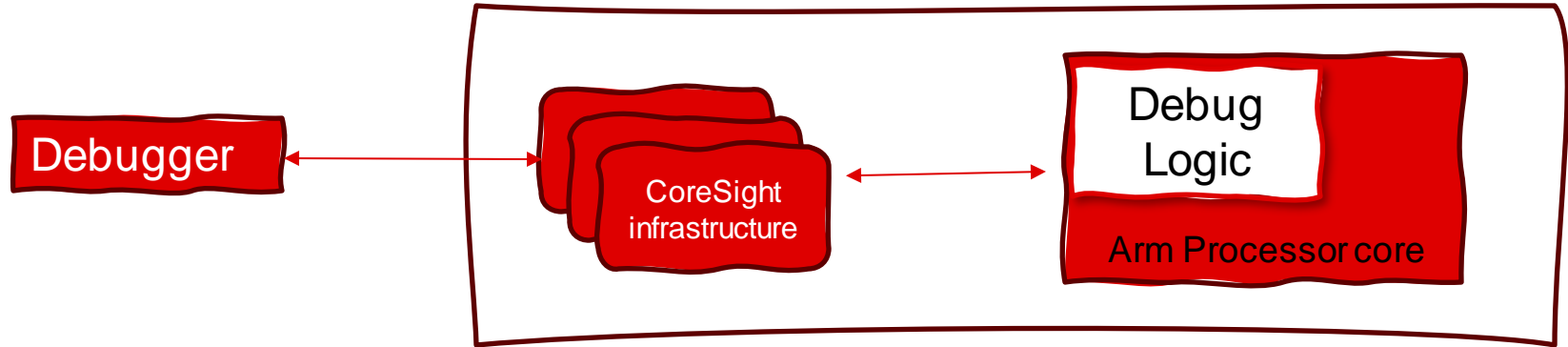
- Joint Test Action Group: Excellent intro by Aliaksandr [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)



<https://www.ti.com/lit/ml/sprp603/sprp603.pdf> : ICEPick is TI's Test Access Port router (TAP router)

ARM CoreSight

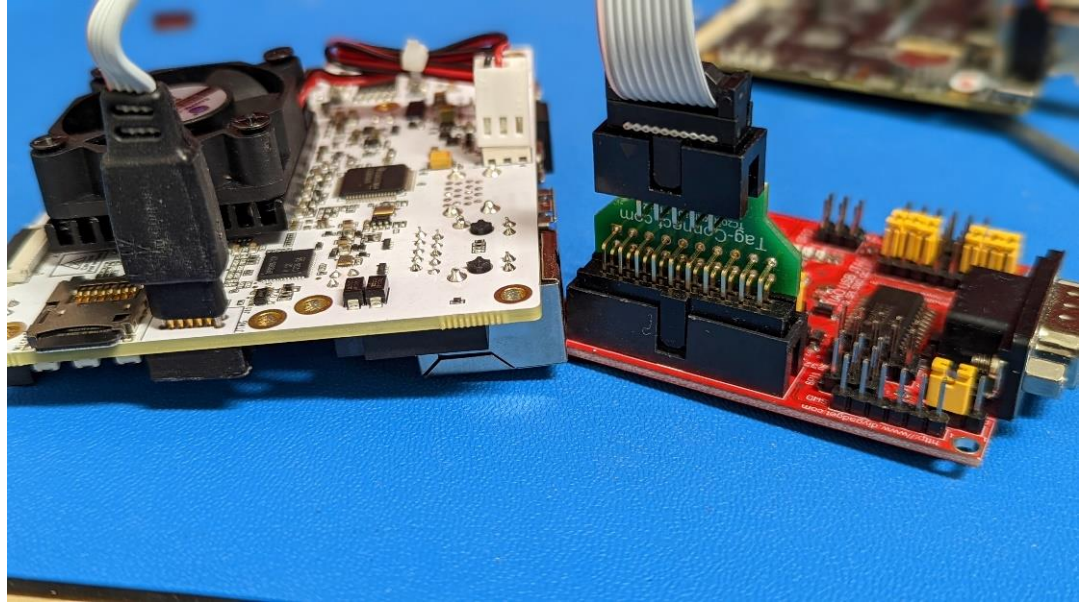
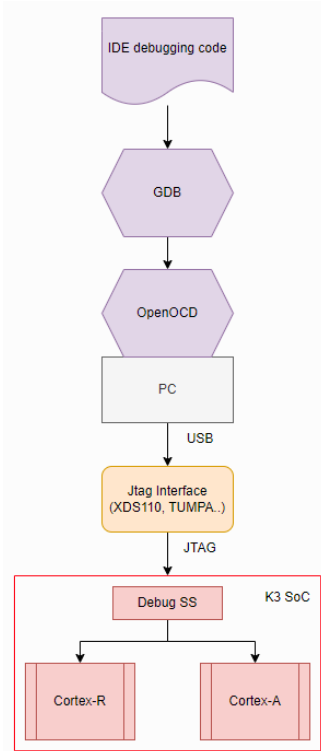
- CoreSight is the on-chip debug and trace technology that Arm provides for multi-core processor SoC architecture.
- Refer to [ARM Documentation](#), [Coresight architecture](#), [ADI V5 specification](#) and [training](#) documentation
- Other informative links: [Linux Kernel documentation](#) and [youtube presentations](#)



OpenOCD Intro

- OpenOCD (Open On-Chip Debugger) is an open-source project that supports debugging and in-circuit programming for various microcontrollers and microprocessors. It allows developers to interact with and control the hardware of embedded systems during both the development and production phases. OpenOCD supports multiple target architectures and interfaces with various hardware debugging probes.
- A previous intro I had done into OpenOCD (primary users): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3u3QgnAvV8&t=3s> <https://www.slideshare.net/menonnishanth/openocdk3pptx>

OpenOCD Intro: physical connection



[U-boot Documentation for OpenOCD on TI K3 platforms](#)

Let us talk self-hosted debug with OpenOCD and dmem



Chicara straddles his "II CLASSIC". [CC by SA-2.0](#)

Dmem: Self-Hosted Debug on AM62x (and all K3)

Objectives:

- No external JTAG debugger is needed, and no licenses to configure
- Debug at SoC Bus and Processor speed (0\$ cost @ 100s of MHz Vs 25\$ FTDI @ bitbang KHz speeds Vs 1000s\$ “pro JTAG” at 10s MHz)
- Debug and Control remote cores directly
- run/halt/step/set breakpoints and watchpoints
- read/change memory, registers
- Run OpenOCD directly on Linux running on A53
- Use your favorite debug UI: GDB / VSCode / Trace32 /

Ensure permissions are "Lenient"

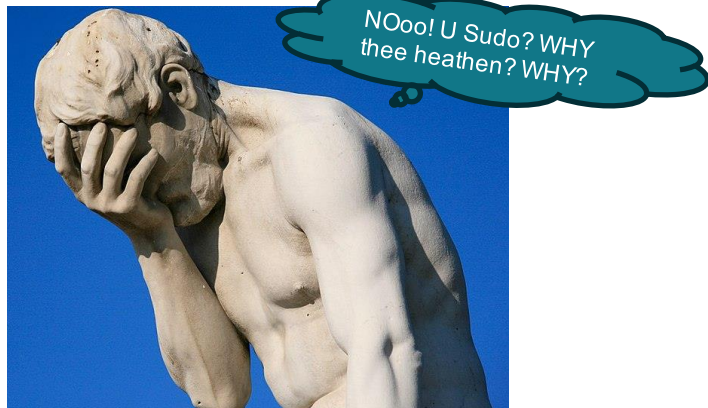
Ensure /dev/mem access is enabled in Linux

```
CONFIG_DEVMEM=y  
# CONFIG_STRICT_DEVMEM is not set
```

```
$ zgrep DEVMEM /proc/config.gz  
CONFIG_DEVMEM=y  
CONFIG_GENERIC_LIB_DEVMEM_IS_ALLOWED=y  
CONFIG_STRICT_DEVMEM=y  
# CONFIG_IO_STRICT_DEVMEM is not set
```

Ensure user has sudo permissions to get to /dev/mem

```
$ sudo cat /etc/sudoers
```



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WARNING: Most production distributions will default to disabling these accesses. However, many development environments do provide permissive access

Configuring, building OpenOCD with dmem

```
# Check the packages to be installed: needs deb-src in sources.list
sudo apt build-dep openocd
# The following list is NOT complete - please check the latest
sudo apt-get install libtool pkg-config texinfo libusb-dev \
    libusb-1.0.0-dev libftdi-dev libhidapi-dev autoconf automake
git clone https://github.com/openocd-org/openocd.git openocd
cd openocd
./bootstrap
./configure --enable-dmem
make -j`nproc`
sudo make install
```

Dmem is NOT enabled by default

WARNING: You need to build this on target or cross compile OpenOCD for target. With dmem, OpenOCD runs on the target application processor itself.

Yocto: Users will have to customize [meta-oe recipe](#) with .bbappend with something like `PACKAGECONFIG[dmem] = "--enable-dmem"` and `PACKAGECONFIG += "dmem"`

Decoding Log of OpenOCD

```
# sudo openocd -f board/ti_am625_swd_native.cfg
```

[...]

```
Info : starting gdb server for am625.cpu.sysctrl on 3333
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Info : accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3339
```

Run on A53

Processor core	Port number (GDB)
Sysctrl (TIFS M4F)	3333
A53.0	3334
A53.1	3335
A53.2	3336
A53.3	3337
Main_r5.0	3338
GP MCU (M4F)	3339

AM625 Processor to GDB port Mapping

Running dmem and debugging

Run on A53

```
# sudo openocd -c 'set RTOS(am625.cpu_gp_mcu) Zephyr' -c 'bindto 0.0.0.0' -f board/ti_am625_swd_native.cfg
```

[sudo] password for debian:
Open On-Chip Debugger 0.12.0+dev-00602-g04154af5d6cd (2024-04-10-00:28)
Licensed under GNU GPL v2
For bug reports, read
<http://openocd.org/doc/donvgen/bugs.html>
Info : only one transport option; autoselect 'dapdirect_swd'
adapter speed: 2500 kHz

Info : Listening on port 6666 for tcl connections
Info : Listening on port 4444 for telnet connections
Info : clock speed 2500 kHz
Info : starting gdb server for am625.cpu.sysctrl on 3333
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Info : accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3339

WARNING: Use -c "bindto 0.0.0.0" with care as there is no network access security – use ssh tunnel over un-secure network

Run wherever elf file is

```
$ gdb-multiarch --eval-command="target extended-remote localhost:3339" test.elf
```

\$ lldb

error: failed to get reply to handshake packet
(lldb) gdb-remote localhost:3339
Process 1 stopped
* thread #1, stop reason = signal SIGINT

frame #0: 0xffffffffffffffff

WARNING: I have not played with **lldb** to be confident recently. Gdb is my debugger of choice.

I have customized RTOS enablement here a bit. See <https://review.openocd.org/c/openocd/+/7898> for more details. The "set RTOS(am625.cpu_gp_mcu) Zephyr" is a handy way to not edit the config file for every RTOS awareness involved. If developing bare-metal code, drop the awareness.

Parallel debugging of multiple CPUs

Run on A53

```
# sudo openocd -c 'set RTOS(am625.cpu.gp_mcu) Zephyr' -c 'set  
RTOS(am625.cpu.main0_r5.0) FreeRTOS' -c 'bindto 0.0.0.0' -f  
board/ti_am625_swd_native.cfg
```

[sudo] password for debian:

Open On-Chip Debugger 0.12.0+dev-00602-g04154af5d6cd (2024-04-10-00:28)

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For bug reports, read

<http://openocd.org/doc/doxygen/bugs.html>

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Info: Listening on port 3339 for gdb connections

Info: accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3339

Run where ever elf file is – run
instances in parallel

Debug M4 (GP_MCU)

```
$ gdb-multiarch --eval-command="target  
extended-remote localhost:3339" test.elf
```

Debug R5(main_r5.0)

```
$ gdb-multiarch --eval-command="target  
extended-remote localhost:3338" dm_r5.elf
```

TIP: "RTOS(cpuXX) auto" can help simplify.

WARNING: There is no protection to try A53 to debug A53 itself.. But that is not going to end well ;)

Caveat: Many of the advanced debug features of Lauterbach will be missing.. But, if you don't like learning new IDEs...

WARNING: out of tree patches for enabling M4 for AM625

Screen shot #2: Rust Baremetal debug with dmem on am625

WARNING: out of tree patches for enabling M4 for AM625

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6m5nFq6lk0>

```
ebian@BeaglePlay:~/rust/openocd$ sudo ../src/openocd -f ./board/ti_am625_swd_nat
ve.cfg
sudo$ password for debian:
pen On-Chip Debugger 0.12.0-rc1+dev-02505-g4abd25327 (2023-03-22-01:02)
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or bug reports, read
    http://openocd.org/doc/doxygen/bugs.html
nfo : only one transport option; autoselect 'dapdirect_swd'
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nfo : accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3339
nfo : [am625.cpu.gp_mcu] Cortex-M4 r0p1 processor detected
nfo : [am625.cpu.gp_mcu] target has 6 breakpoints, 4 watchpoints
nfo : New GDB Connection: 1, Target am625.cpu.gp_mcu, state: halted
nfo : undefined debug reason 8 - target needs reset
nfo : dropped 'gdb' connection

nfo : accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3339
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nfo : dropped 'gdb' connection
nfo : accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3339
nfo : New GDB Connection: 1, Target am625.cpu.gp_mcu, state: halted
nfo : The target is not running when halt was requested, stopping gdb.
nfo : dropped 'gdb' connection
nfo : listening on port 3339 for gdb connections
nfo : New GDB Connection: 1, Target am625.cpu.gp_mcu, state: halted
```

OpenOCD on A53 connecting to
M4F on terminal #1

```
0x0000012c cortex_m_rt::Reset+28 movw r0, #0
0x00000420 cortex_m_rt::Reset+32 movt r0, #12288 ; 0x3000
0x00000424 cortex_m_rt::Reset+36 movw r1, #0
0x00000428 cortex_m_rt::Reset+40 movt r1, #12288 ; 0x3000
0x0000042c cortex_m_rt::Reset+44 movw r2, #2576 ; 0xa10

Breakpoints
[1] break at 0x00000480 in /home/debian/.cargo/registry/src/github.com-1ecc6299db9ec223/cortex-m-rt-0.6.15/src/lib.rs:570 for DefaultHandler
[2] break at 0x000007d6 in /home/debian/.cargo/registry/src/github.com-1ecc6299db9ec223/cortex-m-rt-0.6.15/src/lib.rs:560 for HardFault
[3] break at 0x0000066a in /home/debian/.cargo/registry/src/github.com-1ecc6299db9ec223/panic-halt-0.2.0/src/lib.rs:32 for rust_begin_unwind
[4] break at 0x00000454 in src/main.rs:13 for main

Expressions
History
Memory
Registers
r0 0x30000000 r1 0x30000000 r2 0x00000a10 r3 0x00000000
r4 0xa5a5a5a5 r5 0x0003e8fc r6 0x0003e8f8 r7 0x00039fb0
r8 0xe000e0d4 r9 0x10000000 r10 0x0003b1b0 r11 0xa5a5a5a5
r12 0x0003da87 sp 0x00039fb0 lr 0x00000041d pc 0x0000041c
xPSR 0x61000000 fpscr 0x00000000 msp 0x00014e80 psp 0x00039fb0
primask 0x00 basepri 0x00 faultmask 0x00 control 0x02

Source
517 _pre_init();
518
519
520 // Initialize RAM
521 r0::zero_bss(&mut _sbss, &mut _ebss);
522 r0::init_data(&mut _sdata, &mut _edata, & _sidata);
523
524 match () {
525     #[cfg(not(has_fpu))]
526     () => main(),

Stack
[0] from 0x0000041c in cortex_m_rt::Reset+28 at /home/debian/.cargo/registry/src/github.com-1ecc6299db9ec223/cortex-m-rt-0.6.15/src/lib.rs:522

Threads
[1] id 0 from 0x0000041c in cortex_m_rt::Reset+28 at /home/debian/.cargo/registry/src/github.com-1ecc6299db9ec223/cortex-m-rt-0.6.15/src/lib.rs:522

Variables
>>> g
Ambiguous command 'g': goto, generate-core-file, goto-bookmark, gr, gu, guile, guil
+repl.
>>> r
The program being debugged has been started already.
```

Cargo run on A53 terminal #2
(gdb-dashboard)

A few heterogenous debug gotchas on TI K3 SoCs

- **Watchdog**—On TI SoCs, each processor has its dedicated watchdogs. If they are enabled, they are designed not to be disabled. So, unless we monkey deep down by switching the clock source to a disabled clock source, petting within the windowed intervals is hard. However, it is possible to configure it such that WDT will automatically pause on debug halt requests from debug subsystems.
- Beware of **repeated load and run effect** – Consider a change between reload and runs - net result will be 0x3 instead of the intended 0x1 unless the hardware block is cleanly reset during the code initialization phase.

```
--- a/file.c 2023-07-29 10:55:29.647928811 -0500
+++ b/file.c 2023-07-29 10:55:46.091856816 -0500
@@ -1,3 +1,3 @@
val = readl(reg);
-val |= 0x2;
+val |= 0x1;
writel(val, reg);
```

- TI K3 SoCs use a central "**Device Manager**" to coordinate clocks, power, etc. So, Some IPs not clocked by Linux (or disabled by runtime PM) may need to be checked. K3conf can be used to debug by checking for the system state.
- **Debug isolation PSC/ Security**—In K3 architecture, certain subdomains, such as the MCU Domain, can isolate themselves from the rest of the system for Freedom From Interference (FFI) reasons, in which case the debug path will also be disabled.
- If the processor is not started by **the Linux remoteproc framework** (memory carveouts, firewall, clock management, etc.), OpenOCD default tcl files do not support independent processor startup. See the example on using remote proc to startup —the execution code memory map has to be consistent between Linux and the image.

And if you still have not fallen back to `pr_info` / `printk` / `printf` / whatever print API and not enabled `CONFIG_RPMMSG_TTY` yet... Let us dive deeper



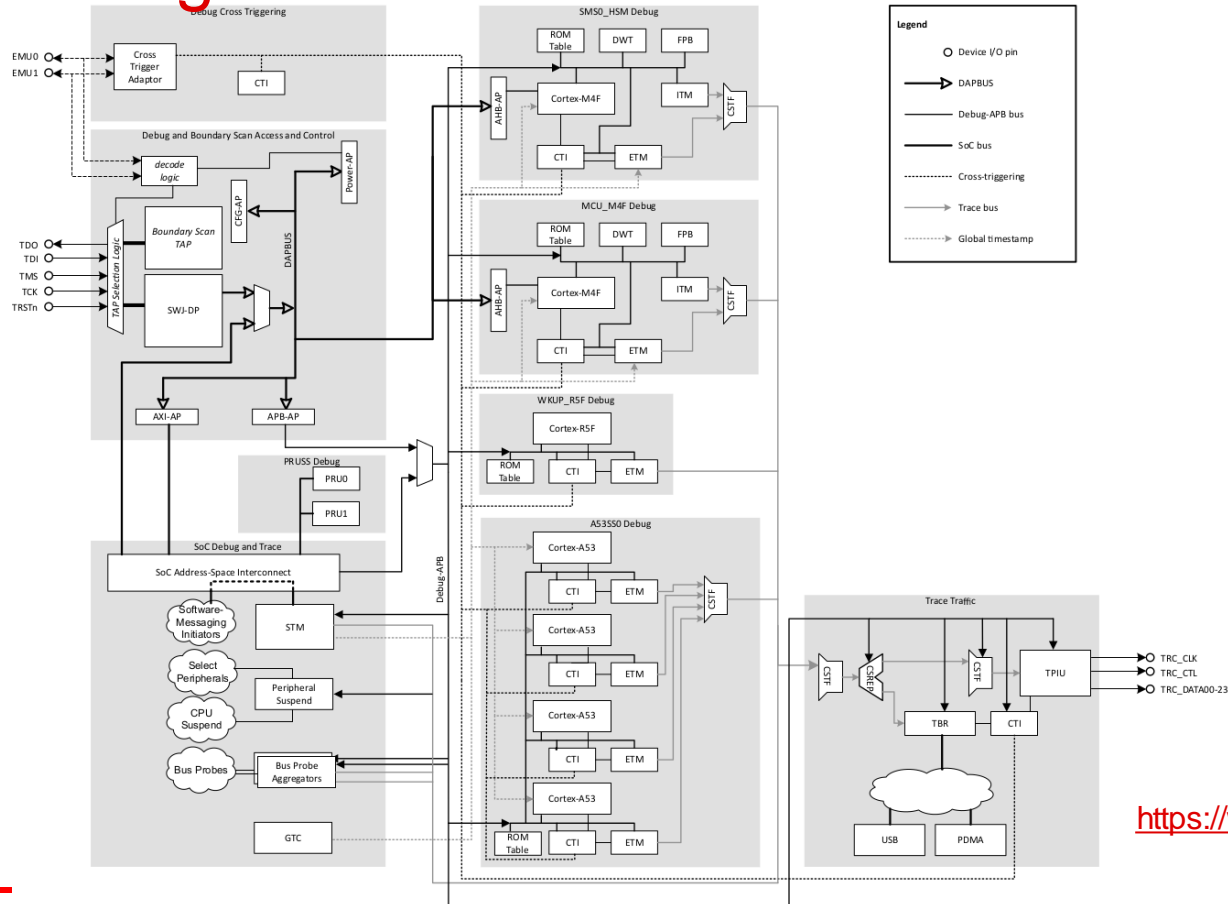
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Quick peek into internals of OpenOCD dmem



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AM625 debug architecture



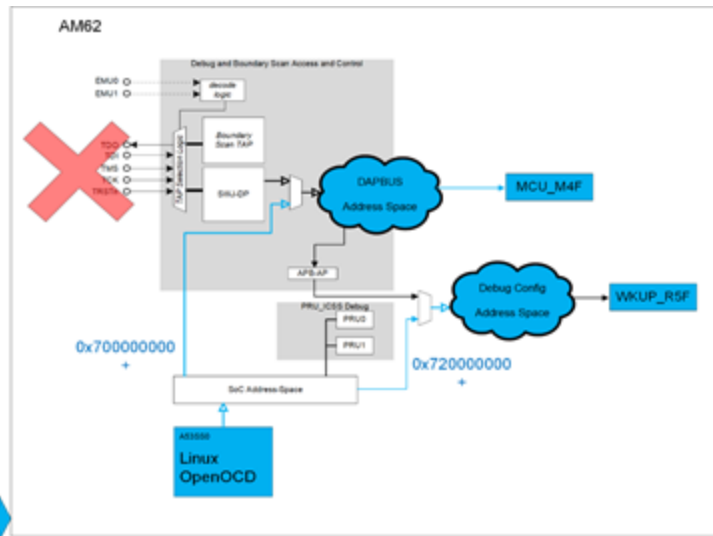
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<https://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/sprui7>

Figure 13-1. On-Chip Debug Block Diagram

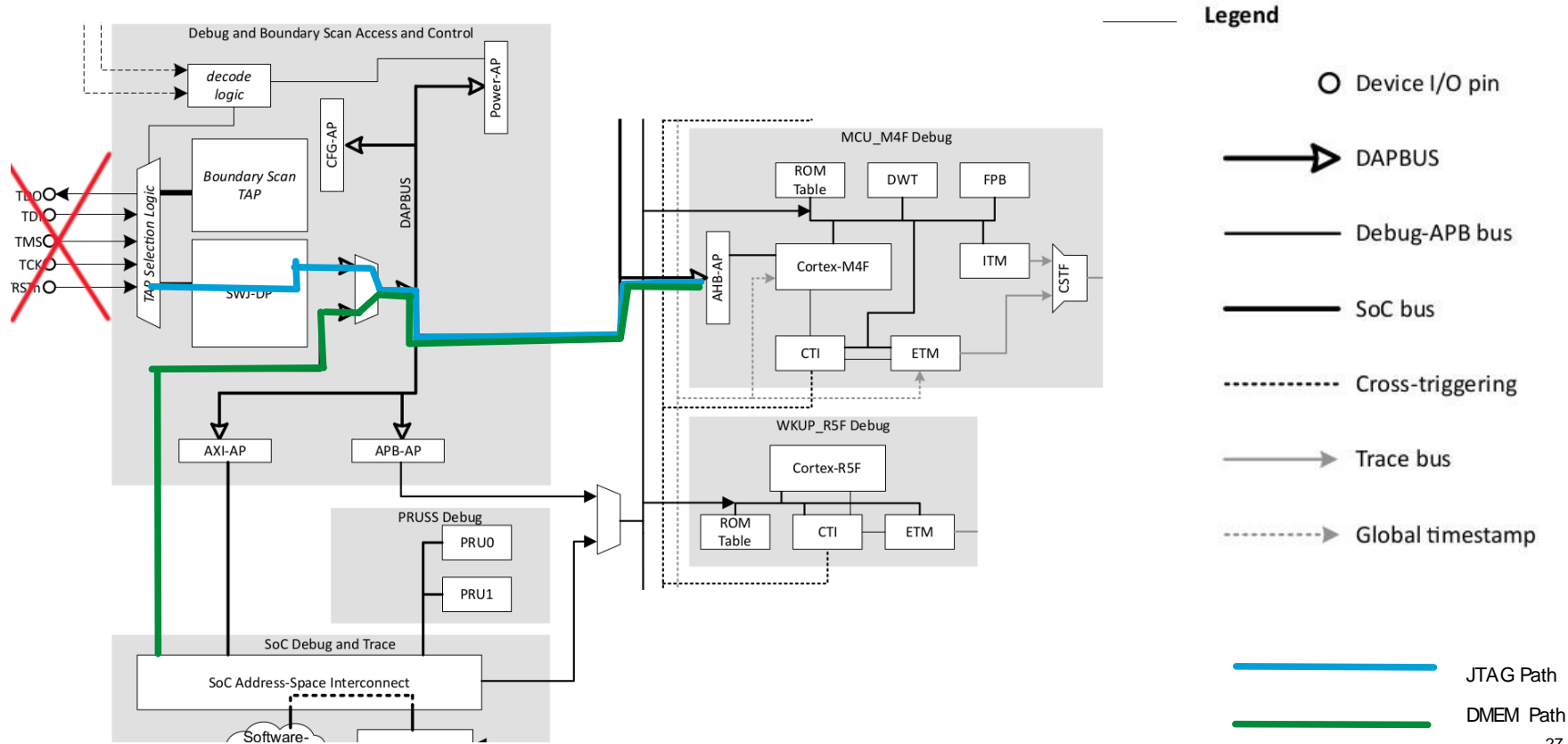
Dmem: Hardware access flow

- OpenOCD accesses SoC address space into TI K3 SoC's Debug Subsystem address space.
- TI SoCs have a separate fabric for Debug bus access (DAP Bus).
- Dmem bypasses ICEPick (TAP router) path to
 - Direct access to the CoreSight Access Ports (APs)
 - OR
 - Emulate CoreSight Access Port behavior (Direct access is only from jtag ICEPick)
- [src/jtag/drivers/dmem.c](#)

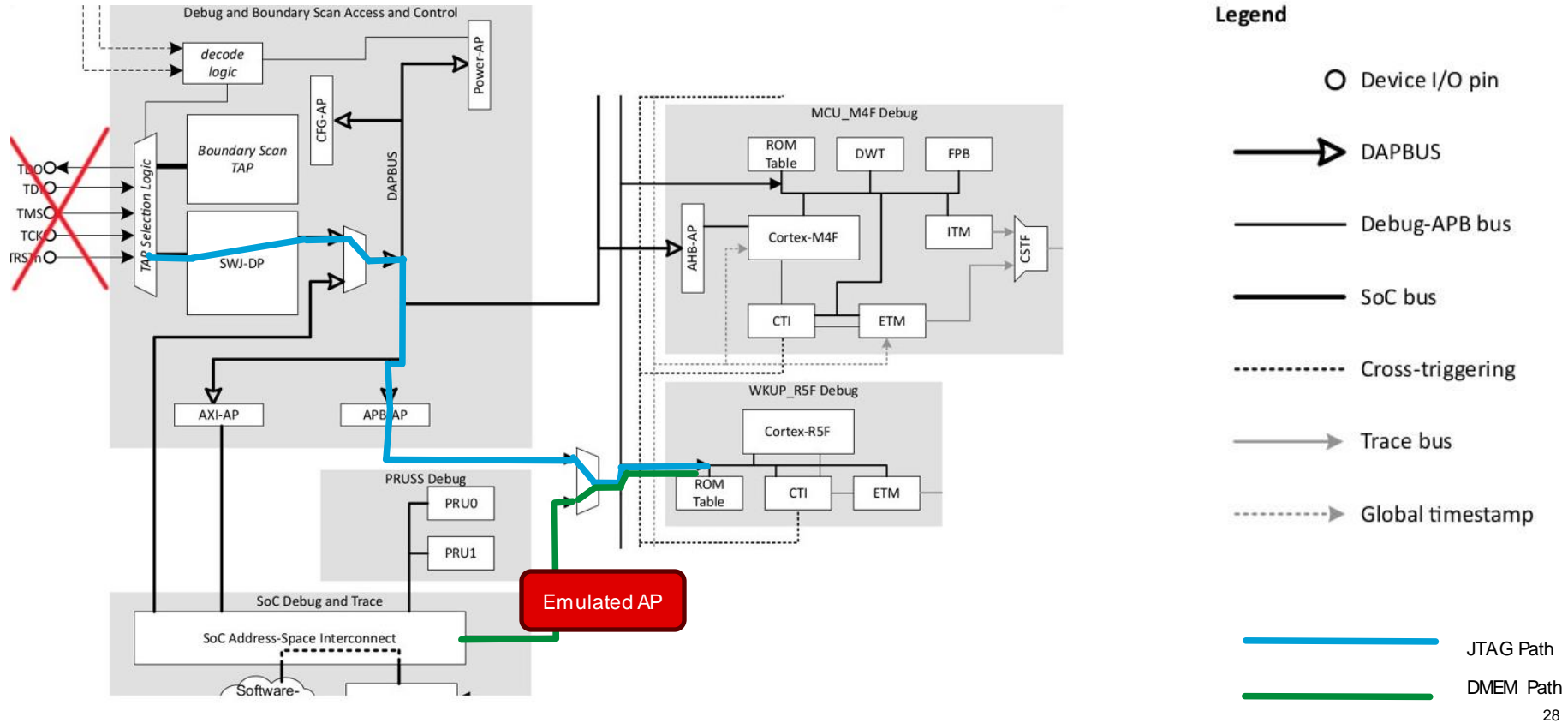


Inspired by [src/jtag/drivers/rshim.c](#)

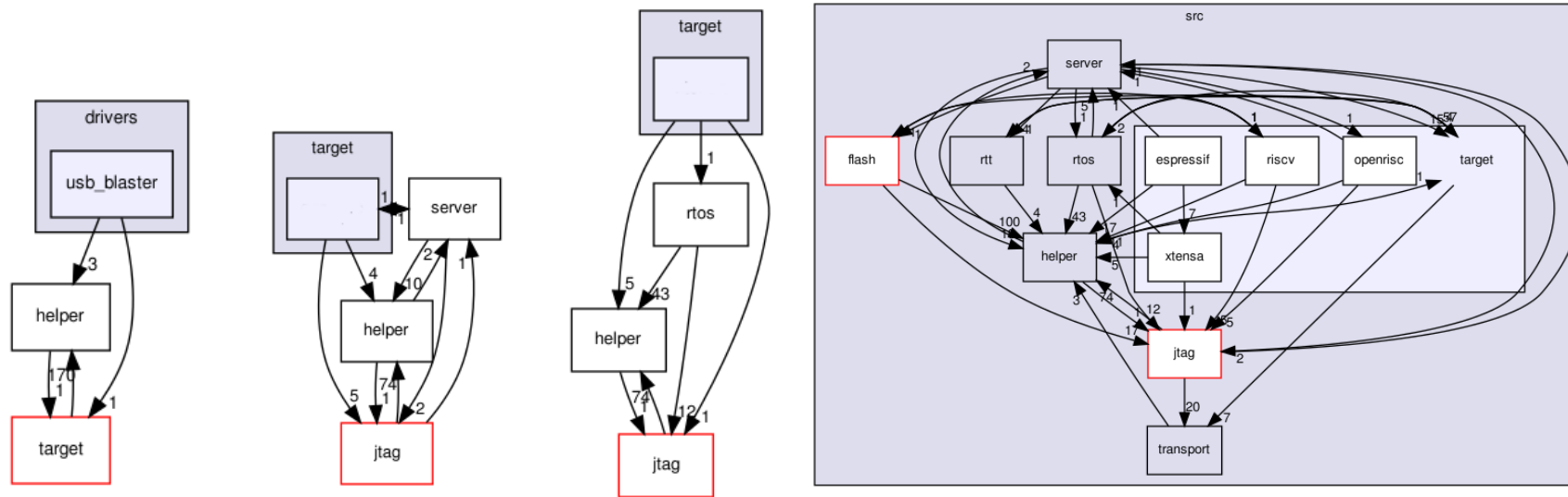
Dmem: Hardware access flow for M4F (Direct AP)



Dmem: Hardware access flow for R5F (Emulated AP)

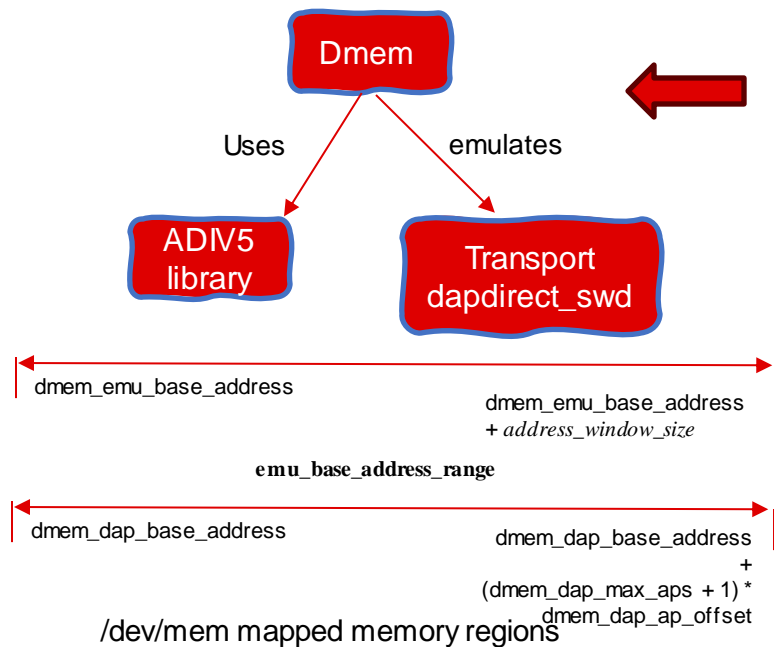


Dmem: OpenOCD dependency diagram



- **Target** talks to the actual target, such as ARM Debug Interface (ADI) Version 5, and the ARM processor arch.
- **Transport** is the communication scheme – we overload dap_direct_swd to get OpenOCD behavior of no h/w dongle.
- **RTOS awareness** and helpers remain reused, and so does the processor architecture (Cortex-R/M) (even though we don't use SWD – Single Wire Debug physical link – call it "emulation")
- **Dmem** cannot make discovery as the ROM table is behind the JTAG access path. So, definitions need to be static.

Dmem: OpenOCD Simplified logical view (1/2)



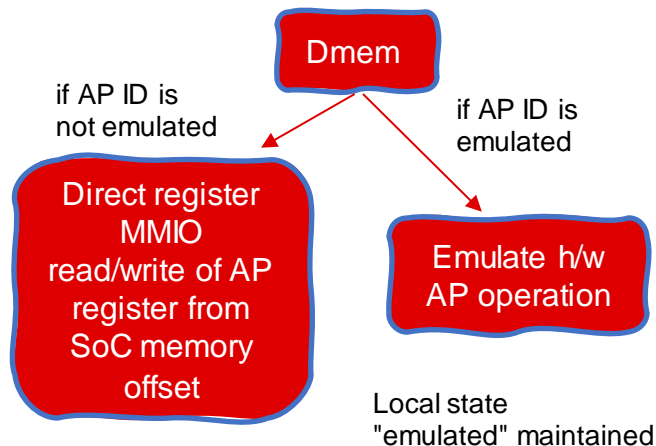
Tcl config file – am625
under `tcl/target/ti_k3.cfg`

```
# DAPBUS (Debugger) description
dmem_base_address 0x740002000
dmem_ap_address_offset 0x100
dmem_max_aps 10
# Emulated AP description
dmem_emu_base_address 0x760000000
dmem_emu_base_address_map_to 0x1d500000
dmem_emu_ap_list 1
```

If AP ID is in the list defined by `dmem_emu_ap` list, AP is emulated via the `emu_base_address_range`

https://openocd.org/doc/doxygen/html/dmem_8c.html and <https://openocd.org/doc/html/Debug-Adapter-Configuration.html#index-dmem> for detailed descriptions

Dmem: OpenOCD Simplified logical view (2/2)



Register	Description
CSW	Control/status word
TAR	Transfer Address

Register	Description	Read op	Write op
CSW	Control/status word	Retrieve local store	32bit masked local store
TAR	Transfer Address	Retrieve local store	32bit masked local store
DRW	Data Read/Write	TAR incremented read	TAR incremented write
BD0-3	Banked Data register 0-3	Convert TAR to emulated offset and mmio read	Convert TAR to emulated offset and mmio write
CFG	Configuration	Return 0	NOP (set to 0)
BASE	Base address	Return 0	NOP (set to 0)
IDR	Identification	Return 0	NOP (set to 0)

<https://developer.arm.com/documentation/hi0031/a/Introduction/About-the-ARM-Debug-Interface-version-5--ADIV5-> also see <src/jtag/drivers/dmem.c> `dmem_emu_ap_q_read/write` functions

Things to do

- Dmem ecosystem (Help is welcome):
 - Standardizing remote proc interface in heterogeneous processor ecosystem – OpenAMP world – getting a consistent ID across distributions - <https://lore.kernel.org/linux-remoteproc/20230807140247.956255-1-nm@ti.com/> not accepted :(- alternatives?
 - Expand Dmem to all K3 products.
 - Expand OpenOCD CTI and trace support for K3 products (System Trace Module support, Embedded Trace Buffer support, or even Embedded Trace Module support).
 - Improve Vscode integration of SoC—Cortex-Debug: Device support Packs for TI SoCs—the svd file definitions for a complex SoC are massive!
 - Get rid of sudo (kernel interface improvement options for production OS).
- Other "Future"(?) stuff:
 - Consider implications towards scaling up towards UCle chiplet integration (discovery, security, and whatnot?)
 - Consider RISC-V debug specification to grow to be inclusive of heterogenous (across ISA architecture) - wishing for a standard definition across ISAs ARM to RISC-V to whatever.

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If you find this presentation useful, please donate to OpenOCD community @ <https://openocd.org/pages/donations.html> and/OR please join the OpenOCD community by contributing(even docs) and reviewing.



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Backup information

Link to hardware used for this presentation

- J721E/TDA4VM based BeagleBone AI-64
 - <https://www.beagleboard.org/boards/beaglebone-ai-64>
 - <https://git.beagleboard.org/beagleboard/beaglebone-ai-64>
 - <https://www.ti.com/product/TDA4VM>
- AM625 based BeaglePlay
 - <https://www.beagleboard.org/boards/beagleplay>
 - <https://git.beagleboard.org/beagleboard/beaglebone-ai-64>
 - <https://www.ti.com/product/AM625>

Other "kind-of" related TODOs:

- Linux kernel CoreSight support and perf support (CONFIG_CORESIGHT and CONFIG_HW_PERF_EVENTS) seem to somehow get in the way of debug at times for A53 with physical JTAG debug.. Might be worthwhile to see what might be going on there. We won't see this in dmem debug, but usually seen when attempting to debug A53 Linux over JTAG itself.

Embedded URL Links from presentation

- JTAG Intro: <https://medium.com/@aliaksandr.kavalchuk/diving-into-jtag-protocol-part-1-overview-fbdc428d3a16> <https://medium.com/@aliaksandr.kavalchuk/diving-into-jtag-protocol-part-2-debugging-56a566db3cf8>
- ARM CoreSight:
 - <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ih0029/latest/>
 - <https://developer.arm.com/Architectures/CoreSight%20Architecture>
 - <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ih0031/a/Introduction/About-the-ARM-Debug-Interface-version-5--ADIV5->
 - <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/102520/latest/>
 - <https://docs.kernel.org/trace/coresight/coresight.html#introduction>
 - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=arm+coresight
- OpenOCD build for Yocto:
 - https://git.openembedded.org/meta-openembedded/tree/meta-oe/recipes-devtools/openocd/openocd_git.bb?h=master
- Lldb: <https://www.moritz.systems/blog/improving-gdb-register-model-compatibility-in-ll db/>
- Rproc startup of processors: https://github.com/kaofishy/bbai64_cortex-r5_example/blob/main/Makefile#L23 (also a good example of baremetal code for R5F)
- K3Conf: <https://git.ti.com/cgit/k3conf/k3conf>

Interesting ARM ADIV5 specifications

- Some interesting reading: <https://interrupt.memfault.com/blog/a-deep-dive-into-arm-cortex-m-debug-interfaces>
- Cortex-M3/4 AHB-AP: <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0337/h/debug/about-the-ahb-ap/ahb-ap-programmers-model>
- Cortex R/A or newer processors have APB-AP implementation of mem-AP for ADIV5 specification. Refer to <https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0314/h/Debug-Access-Port/APB-AP>

Patch References (merged patches)

- Dmem driver patches in OpenOCD (merged in master – waiting for next release cycle):
 - <https://review.openocd.org/c/openocd/+/-/7088> jtag/drivers: Add dmem driver
 - <https://review.openocd.org/c/openocd/+/-/7089> jtag/drivers: dmem: Add Emulated AP mode
 - <https://review.openocd.org/c/openocd/+/-/7091> tcl/board: Add am625 native swd configuration
 - <https://review.openocd.org/c/openocd/+/-/7259> tcl/board: Add j721e native swd configuration
- RTOS configuration for SMP debug options on TI K3 platforms: <https://review.openocd.org/c/openocd/+/-/7898>
- Using Rust Cargo to [build and debug with dmem](#)

Baseline Source code

- Image used: <https://rcn-ee.net/rootfs/debian-arm64-12-bookworm-minimal-mainline/2024-04-03/> (**Warning:** The link is not the official build and hence not persistent. This will get updated continually to latest builds)
- 'arm-trusted-firmware' v2.10.0 : <https://github.com/ARM-software/arm-trusted-firmware.git>
- 'optee_os' 4.1.0 : https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_os.git
- 'ti-linux-firmware' 09.02.00.004 : <https://git.ti.com/cgit/processor-firmware/ti-linux-firmware>
- 'u-boot': v2024.04 : <https://source.denx.de/u-boot/u-boot.git>
- Bootloader build environment: 37bd9a778c72: <https://github.com/nmenon/k3-upstream-boot-build>
- Linux Kernel: v6.9-rc2 : <https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/torvalds/linux.git>
 - AM625 M4F needs additional patches (currently broken – not applied): <https://lore.kernel.org/linux-arm-kernel/20240202175538.1705-1-hnagalla@ti.com/>
 - Beagle board requires some additional config "Tweaks" as well: https://openbeagle.org/beagleboard/arm64-linux/-/blob/main/modify_defconfig.sh?ref_type=heads
- OpenOCD: v0.12.0-rc2-602-g04154af5d6cd : <https://github.com/openocd-org/openocd>

BeagleBoard-A164 Debug remoteproc firmware

```
main_r5fss0_core0_dma_memory_region: r5f-dma-memory@a2000000 {  
    compatible = "shared-dma-pool";  
    reg = <0x00 0xa2000000 0x00 0x100000>;  
    no-map;  
};
```

```
$ dmesg | grep remoteproc | grep 5c00000.r5f  
[ 7.474371] remoteproc remoteproc16: 5c00000.r5f is available
```

```
$ sudo apt install gcc-arm-none-eabi  
$ git clone https://github.com/kadfisher/bba164_cortex-r5_example.git  
$ cd bba164_cortex-r5_example  
$ make
```

```
$ vi gcc.ld  
__DDR_START__ = 0xa2000000;
```

```
$ vi Makefile  
# sudo echo stop > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc16/state  
  
sudo echo $(APP) > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc16/firmware  
sudo echo start > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc16/state  
sudo cat /sys/kernel/debug/remoteproc/remoteproc16/trace0
```

```
debian@BeagleBone-A164:~/bba164_cortex-r5_example$ make  
[...]  
arm-none-eabi-objdump -xd test.elf > test.elf.lst  
sudo cp test.elf /lib/firmware/  
sudo echo stop > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc16/state  
sudo echo test.elf > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc16/firmware  
sudo echo start > /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc16/state  
sudo cat /sys/kernel/debug/remoteproc/remoteproc16/trace0  
Hello world!
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install python3-pygments  
$ wget -P - https://github.com/cyrus-and/gdb-dashboard/raw/master/gdbinit
```

```
example$ gdb-multiarch --eval-command="target extended-remote localhost:3338" test.elf
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install libtool pkg-config texinfo libusb-dev  
$ sudo apt-get install libusb-1.0.0-dev libftdi-dev libhidapi-dev autoconf automake  
$ sudo apt-get install gdb-multiarch  
$ git clone https://github.com/openocd-org/openocd.git openocd  
$ cd openocd/  
$ ./bootstrap  
$ ./configure --enable-dm9000  
$ make -j `nproc`  
$ sudo make install
```

```
$ sudo openocd -f board/ti_j721e_swd_native.cfg  
[...]  
Info : starting gdb server for j721e.cpu.main0_r5.0 on 3338  
Info : Listening on port 3338 for gdb connections  
Info : starting gdb server for j721e.cpu.main0_r5.1 on 3339  
Info : Listening on port 3339 for gdb connections  
Info : accepting 'gdb' connection on tcp/3338  
Info : j721e.cpu.main0_r5.0: hardware has 8 breakpoints, 8 watchpoints  
Info : j721e.cpu.main0_r5.0: MPIDR level2 0, cluster 1, core 0, mono core, no SMT  
target halted in Thumb state due to debug-request, current mode: Supervisor  
cpsr: 0x600001f3 pc: 0x00000568  
D-Cache: disabled, I-Cache: disabled  
Info : New GDB Connection: 1, Target j721e.cpu.main0_r5.0, state: halted
```